Nayars (7) Ezhuvas (8) The Depressed Classes showing the figures for the various sub-divisions sparately;

(b) the number of Graduates, Intermediates and School Finals in each of the above communities with the number of unemployed among each community?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) A statement giving the information is appended. (*Appendix I*).

(b) Statistics are not available.

Appointments made by the present District Magistrate and the Registrar of Village Panchayats.

63. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of appointments made by the present District Magistrate and Registrar of Village Panchayats up-to-date showing separately the number of such appointments caste-war?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A statement giving the information is appended. (*Appendix II*).

Opening of Maternity and Child-Welfare Centres.

64. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) why they have refused an opportunity to the Council to discuss how the lakh of rupees set apart for Child-Welfare, etc., should be used;

(2) whether they have considered the case of people in the more remote rural areas when they sanctioned the building grant for locating the cinema, etc;

(3) whether the places selected for putting the building at present are not growing towns;

(4) whether they have considered their commitments when the scheme was sanctioned;

(5) if so, what will be the recurring expense?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Government have not refused an opportunity to discuss the subject in the Council. (Vide printed proceedings the L. C. 3rd series Vol. VI, part 9, pages 825-829).

(2) No grant was sanctioned for the construction of a building for locating the cinema; sanction was given for the construction of buildings for opening Maternity and Child-Welfare Centres.

(3) The places selected are rural towns that are growing in importance. It was for that very reason that it was decided to open the Centres in those places.

(4) Yes.

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(5) About Rs. 12,000 (please see statement appended). (*Appendix III*).

Lascars of the barges attached to the Mattancheri Water Works—working hours of.

65. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many hours and from what time to what time the lascars in the barges of the Mattancheri Water Works have to work daily;

(2) whether any attendance register is kept for them; and if so, whether their leaving time is noted in the register;

(3) whether they are allowed any holiday in the week;

(4) whether they are allowed any interval for their noon-day meal;

(5) whether they have to do any overtime work; and if so, what allowance they are given for the overtime work;

(6) how many hours of overtime work each of the lascars has turned out and what overtime allowance he has received during this year;

(7) whether the lascars have to do by turn overtime night work every week to fill the barges at Ernakulam;

(1) how many days' leave they are given yearly:

(9) how many shirts, trousers and topies they are given yearly;

(10) whether they are given rain coats;

(11) what the pay of a lascar is;

(12) whether the lascavs employed by Messrs. Madura Co., Pierce Leslie Co., Aspinwall & Co., in Mattancheri and British Cochin are paid at the rate of Rs. 20 per mensem and whether those lascars are given rain coats and more shirts and trousers than the lascars of the Mattancheri Water Works;

(13) whether the lascars have made a representation to the Chief Engineer with regard to their condition of work, pay and allowances?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The staff have to work 8½ hours from 7 a. m. to 5 p. m, with an interval of one hour and a half.

(2) An attendance register is maintained. Leaving time is noted in the case of those who do overtime or who go before time.

(3) No.

(4) They have ample time between trips and also the interval of 1½ hours for their meals.

(5) They are given overtime allowance when they work for more than 8½ hours at the following rates.

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